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Garrison Training

50X1 1. [redacted] 117th  
50X1 Guards Rifle Regiment [redacted] received no unit training, although  
50X1 [redacted] required to attend political lectures twice a week. The  
50X1 lectures, held on Wednesdays and Fridays, were each about two  
50X1 hours long. [redacted] received no training [redacted] as a border  
guard in the area between Sonneberg and Hoenbach. At that 50X1  
time, there was a shortage of guards and [redacted] had to work seven  
days a week.

Maneuvers

50X1 2. In the fall of 1950, the 39th Guards Rifle Motorized Division  
50X1 (the 117th Guards Rifle Regiment was a subordinate unit) went  
50X1 on a three day problem in the vicinity of Ohrdruf. With the  
50X1 exception of the Regimental NCO School which moved on foot, all  
50X1 units [redacted] were transported in trucks, about 20 men 50X1  
to a truck. [redacted] used ZIS,  
50X1 Studebakers and Dodges [redacted] The  
50X1 move from Meiningen to Ohrdruf, a distance of about 60 kilometers,  
took about four hours. [redacted]  
50X1 [redacted] three SU guns (SP Artillery),  
50X1 some 45 mm AT guns, and 57 mm AT guns.  
[redacted]

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3. [ ] the troops scattered in the forest  
50X1 and began to dig foxholes, trenches and camouflage their  
positions. This exercise lasted for two days of the problem.  
Food and water was brought by field kitchens and water trailers;  
50X1 [ ] ate from mess kits. [ ] don't believe that supply points of  
50X1 any size were established because it was such a short problem.  
The men slept in tents, two to a tent. [ ]  
50X1 [ ] all units of the 39th Rifle Division participated  
50X1 in the problem, including personnel from the 112th and the  
50X1 120th Rifle Regiments. [ ]  
50X1 [ ]

4. The problem, which consisted of an attack on the artillery range,  
began at 0400 hours and lasted until late afternoon. [ ]  
covered a distance of about 15 kilometers. During the attack,  
troops came to a stream about 10 meters wide. They didn't use  
50X1 the bridge which was already there, but crossed on a wooden one  
erected by our engineers. [ ] it took them about two  
50X1 hours to construct this bridge. It was strong enough to  
support the passage of the entire regiment and supply vehicles.  
50X1 During the problem [ ] some airplanes, anti-aircraft  
artillery, anti-tank mortars, engineer and signal troops.  
Ambulances followed in the wake of the movement and picked up  
stragglers.

5. [ ]  
[ ] The 117th Rifle Regiment was the attacking  
50X1 force. During the attack, service units, including field  
kitchens, medics and repair shops moved along with the troops.  
50X1 A guard detachment was left at the bivouac area. [ ]  
50X1 a colonel [ ] was the CO of the 117th Rifle Regiment. He  
50X1 spent the greater part of the day with the marching elements  
and was constantly urging the troops to move faster.

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